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SUBJECT: ALGERIANS ANGRY AT CONTINUED BOMBING INCIDENTS IN
FRANCE

1. ALGERIAN MEDIA SATURDAY FEB 21 AND MONDAY FEB 23 REPORT AT
LENGTH ON BOMBINGS 20 FEB 76 ALGERIAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN PARIS,
ALGERIAN CONSULATE IN STRASBOURG, AIR ALGERIE OFFICE IN LYON,
ON 21 FEB BOMBING ALGERIAN TOURISM OFFICE IN PARIS AND ON
ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF ALGERIAN CONSULATE IN BESANCON.

2. MEDIA FOCUSING ON:

- A. LIST AND DISCUSSION OF "MORE THAN 60" SIMILAR INCIDENTS
SINCE 1969 (LIST BEING POUCHED ADDRESSEES);
- B. TEXT OF LENGTHY AND INVOLVED GOA OFFICIAL MEMOIRE TO GOF;
- C. FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT ON ITS CONVOKING OF FRENCH
AMBASSADOR;
- D. GOA'S PARIS EMBASSY'S NOTE TO QUAI;
- E. COMMUNIQUE OF SUPPORT FROM VARIOUS GOA-SPONSORED ORGANIZATIONS
IN FRANCE AND ALGERIA; AND
- F. INDIGNANT EDITORIALS.

3. THEMES OF ALGERIAN REACTION ARE:

- A. THESE BOMBINGS LINKED TO EARLY JANUARY BOMBING IN ALGIERS
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(SOA);

B. FRENCH SECURITY SERVICES INVOLVED IN THESE BOMBINGS, AS IN
ALGIERS JANUARY BOMBING, WITH COMPLICITY OF FRENCH AUTHORITIES
IN GENERAL;

C. GOF MUST ASSUME ITS RESPONSIBILITIES TO DISCOVER AND PUNISH
CULPRITS AND TO INSURE SUCH ACTIVITIES NO LONGER CONTINUE;
FRENCH AMBASSADOR ALGIERS CONVOKED TO FONMIN LECTURED ON
"JURIDICIAL AND MORAL RESPONSIBILITY OF FRENCH GOVERNMENT";
FRENCH FAILURE TO IMPLEMENT PAST GOF ASSURANCES IN THIS REGARD
BY GISCARD AND PONIATOWSKI LAMENTED AND BERATED.

4. ONE EDITORIAL COMMENTS THAT " IN VIEW OF ALL OBSERVERS,
AND FACTS ARE THERE TO SUPPORT THEM, ALGERIAN-FRENCH RELATIONS
ARE AT A VERY LOW LEVEL." BETWEEN SAHARA AND BOMBS, IT IS THE
LEAST THAT COULD BE SAID.

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